

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following section on page 1, after the Title and before the "Background Of The Invention" section:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation patent application of application No. 10/349,873 filed January 23, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. _____.

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, line 20 - page 15, line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

Without the housing 134 of the mating electrical connector deflecting the rail 124 outward, the second protrusion 130 would not be able to pass by the ~~wedge~~ ledge 138 located above the receiving area 132. Thus, without the electrical connector 110 being mounted to the mating electrical connector, the CPA member 114 is prevented from moving from its open position to its closed position. As shown in Fig. 15, the rails 122, 124 also function to contact the shorting clip 56 to move the clip off of engagement with the contact pins 63 of the mating electrical connector similar to that described above in regard to the first embodiment. In one type of alternate embodiment, the bottom ends of the rails 122, 124 could be connected to each other.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 13.

In Fig. 13, the number "46" has been corrected to read --96--.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes